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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (currently amended): A stator core for a dynamoelectric machine,  
said stator core being formed into a cylindrical shape by abutting at least one laminated core division shaped by bending a rectangular parallelepiped laminated body;  
said laminated body being formed by laminating a plurality of thin strip-shaped magnetic plates in which a plurality of teeth extending perpendicular to a longitudinal direction are formed at a predetermined spacing in said longitudinal direction; and  
a plurality of slots defined by adjacent pairs of said teeth being formed in a circumferential direction of said stator core such that slot grooves lie in an axial direction of said stator core and slot openings face an inner circumferential side of said stator core,  
wherein an inner and an outer core-joining weld portion for joining and integrating ~~an abutted portion~~ an abutting end surface of said laminated core division are formed so as to extend in an axial direction on an inner circumferential side and an outer circumferential side of ~~said abutted portion~~ an abutting end surface of said laminated core division,  
first inner and first outer plate-joining weld portions for joining and integrating said laminated thin magnetic plates are formed so as to extend in said axial direction in proximity to said inner and outer core-joining weld portions on inner circumferential surfaces and outer circumferential surfaces at first and second circumferential end portions of said laminated core division, and  
a second outer plate-joining weld portion for joining and integrating said laminated thin magnetic plates is formed so as to extend in an axial direction on an outer circumferential surface of said laminated core division.